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SUBJECT: MBFR DATA

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

REF: A. USNATO 0075

B. USNATO 6221

C. USNATO 5627

SUMMARY. AT JANUARY 22 MBFR WG MEETING, CHAIRMAN DATA SUPPORT SUBGROUP GAVE REPORT ON STATUS OF NATO HELD MBFR DATA AND REQUESTED DATA ON U.S. AND WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES MANPOWER IN NGA AND AGREEMENT OT DOWNGRADING PRT II OF AC/276-WP(73)4 (2ND REVISE) FROM CTS TO NATO SECRET. ACTION REQUESTED: SUBMISSION OF DATA ON U.S. AND WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES MANPOWER REQUESTED IN USNATO 5627 AND USNATO 6221, AND U.S. AGREEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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(REQUESTED IN USNATO 6221 AND USNATO 0075) THAT PART II OF AC/276-WP(73)4(2ND REVISE) BE DOWNGRADED FROM CTS TO NATO SECRET. END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN DATA SUBGROUP (COL BRANSON) REPORTED NATO HAD RECEIVED AIR MANPOWER STRENGTHS OF ALL NATO COUNTRIES WITH AIR FORCES IN NGA EXCEPT THE U.S. AND CITED NEED FOR U.S. ESTIMATES ON WARSAW PACT AIR MANPOWER IN NGA; CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AS A MINIMUM, U.S. COULD PROVIDE FIGURES FOR SOVIET AIR MANPOWER. IN ABSENCE OF DATA ON U.S. AIR MANPOWER, CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED USING FIGURES IN U.S. REPLY TO DPQ(73). NO ONE OBJECTED.

2. CHAIRMAN DATA SUBGROUP REPORTED CANADA AND FRG AGREED TO DOWNGRADING PART II OF AC/276-WP(73)4(2ND REVISE) FROM CTS TO NATO SECRET PROVIDED OTHER COUNTRIES WERE IN AGREEMENT.

3. SUBSTANCE OF CHAIRMAN'S STATUS REPORT IS QUOTED BELOW:

BEGIN TEXT:

A. AS CONCERNS NATO GROUND FORCES, THE DATA HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR ALL COUNTRIES UP TO THE PERIOD END-1972. CORRIGENDUM NO. 3 TO PART 2 (CTS) OF AC/276-WP(73)4(2ND REVISE) HAS BEEN ISSUED. COMMENT: POUCH TO WASHINGTON AND VIENNA. END COMMENT. THIS LATEST CORRIGENDUM PROVIDES AMENDED FORMATS FOR BELGIUM, CANADA, LUXEMBOURG, AND U.S. TOGETHER WITH AN AMENDED SUMMARY FOR NGA AND A NEW SUMMARY OF TOTAL NATO GROUND FORCES. AMENDMENTS TO PART I OF AC/276-WP(73)4(2ND REVISE) WILL BE ISSUED NEXT WEEK.

B. AS REGARDS UPDATING NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE, IS HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ALL COUNTRIES WITH FORCES IN NGA THAT INPUTS UPDATING PRINT-OUTS TO END-1973 STATUS WILL BE SUBMITTED DURING FEBRUARY. IF ALL NATIONAL INPUTS ARRIVE DURING FEBRUARY, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PUBLISH AN UPDATED THIRD REVISED VERSION OF AC/276-WP(73)4 APPROXIMATELY FIVE WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF LAST INPUT. OUR TARGET DATE FOR PUBLISHING END-1973 FIGURES IS MID-APRIL.

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C. WORK IS PROGRESSING WELL CONCERNING THE UPDATING OF WP GROUND FORCES AS A RESULT OF MC 224 INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE HELD IN OCTOBER 1973. I HOPE TO PUBLISH A COMPLETELY NEW VERSION OF PART 3 OF AC/276-WP(73)4(2ND REVISE) BY END-FEBRUARY. PRIORITY IS BEING GIVEN TO WP FORCES IN THE NGA AND THIS PORTION WILL BE PUBLISHED AS SOON AS IT IS READY (MID-FEBRUARY). THE AMENDMENTS TO WP GROUND FORCES WILL REFLECT NATO AGREED FIGURES RESULTING FROM MC 224 INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE. THE U.S. HAS SUBMITTED ITS INPUT TO THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION (IMS) RELATING TO SOVIET GROUND FORCES IN THE NGA, BUT HAS NOT INCLUDED ANY AMENDMENT OR RECOMMENDED CHANGES CONCERNING ESTIMATED STRENGTHS (PERSONNEL AND TANK) OF NSWP GROUND FORCES. THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION CANNOT OBTAIN NATO-WIDE AGREEMENT ON

U.S. INPUT BEFORE SIX WEEKS, CONSEQUENTLY, THE AMENDED VERSION OF WP DATA WILL NOT INCLUDE THE CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE U.S. OTHER THAN AS FOOTNOTES WHERE APPROPRIATE.

D. TO DATE, WE HAVE RECEIVED AIR MANPOWER STRENGTH FIGURES FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1973, FROM ALL NATO COUNTRIES LESS THE U.S., WITH AIR FORCES IN THE NGA. I AM UNABLE TO INFORM YOU AS TO WHEN THE U.S. FIGURES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. I SUGGEST THAT, WITH YOUR APPROVAL, I GO AHEAD AND PUBLISH AIR MANPOWER STRENGTHS FROM DATA RECEIVED FROM COUNTRIES AND USING DPQ(73) FIGURES FOR END-1973 PERIOD TO REFLECT U.S. AIR MANPOWER STRENGTH.

E. AS CONCERNS WP AIR MANPOWER STRENGTHS IN THE NGA, WE ARE STILL UNABLE TO COME UP WITH FIGURES FOR SOVIET AIR FORCES IN NGA. UK AND FRG HAVE SUBMITTED TO ME THEIR ESTIMATES OF SOVIET AIR MANPOWER, HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL AWAITING THE U.S. ESTIMATE. THE UK AND FRG FIGURES FOR SOVIET AIR MANPOWER VARY CONSIDERABLE (UK 48,000, FRG 60,400). NATO AGREED FIGURES (ASED ON MC 161/73) CAN BE PUBLISHED FOR NSWP AIR MANPOWER ONLY. FIGURES FOR SOVIET AIR MANPOWER IN NGA WILL BE SHOWN AS NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

F. THE ONLY REPLIES RECEIVED FROM MODS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACCEPTABILITY OF DOWNGRADING NATO GROUND FORCES DATA INCLUDED IN PART 2 OF AC/276-WP(73)4(2ND REVISE) FROM CTS TO NATO SECRET HAVE COME FROM CANADA AND FRG. BOTH COUNTRIES AGREED TO THE USE OF THE LOWER SECURITY CLASSIFICATION ON CONFIDENTIAL

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ECONDITION ALL OTHER NATO COUNTRIES WERE ALSO IN AGREEMENT.

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